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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 June 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5-8,10,13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4,11 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 June 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 5-8, 10, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Belotserkovsky et al. (US 6,704,374).
3. In regards to claim 1, Belotserkovsky discloses a method of synchronizing comprising: determining a quantization bit indicative of said arbitrary power value (figure 4 element 36); correlating said quantization bit with said at least one known coefficient to obtain a correlated signal (fig. 3.68 and column 4 lines 65-67); selecting to select said correlated signal when said correlated signal matches a given criterion (fig. 3.70 and 72); synchronizing said transmitted signal with said at least one known coefficient using said selected correlated signal (col. 5 lines 38-40).
4. In regards to claim 5, Belotserkovsky discloses the method of claim 1 further comprising a sequence of known coefficients (col. 4 line 67) and selecting a correlated signal that matches a criterion (col. 5 lines 1-10).
5. In regards to claim 6, Belotserkovsky discloses that the criterion is given depending upon the design of the OFDM receiver in column 5 lines 13-16.

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6. In regards to claims 7 and 8, Belotserkovsky discloses the criterion as the maximum value in column 5 line 24.
7. In regards to claim 10, Belotserkovsky discloses a synchronizer comprising: a quantizer determining a quantization bit indicative of said arbitrary power value (figure 4 element 36); a correlator to correlate said quantization bit with said at least one known coefficient to obtain a correlated signal (fig. 3.68 and column 4 lines 65-67); a selector to select said correlated signal when said correlated signal matches a given criterion (fig. 3.70 and 72).
8. In regards to claim 13, Belotserkovsky discloses the synchronizer of claim 10 further comprising a sequence of known coefficients (col. 4 line 67) and selecting a correlated signal that matches a criterion (col. 5 lines 1-10).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Belotserkovsky et al. (US 6,704,374).
11. In regards to claim 14, Belotserkovsky discloses the synchronizer of claim 10 that may be made using hardware (col. 4 line 22). Belotserkovsky does not disclose the hardware is either FPGA or ASIC.

FPGA and ASIC hardware are very well known to one of ordinary skill in the art.

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It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use either FPGA or ASIC as the hardware specified by Belotserkovsky. FPGA is desirable because it can be reprogrammed in the field to fix bugs and often cost less. ASIC is desirable because it can be optimized to perform the necessary functions.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claim 9 is allowed.

13. Claims 2-4, 11, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

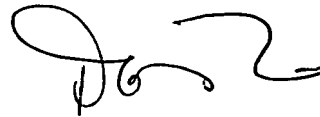
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kerri M. Rose whose telephone number is (571) 272-0542. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris H. To can be reached on (571) 272-7629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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